

MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT/COMMENDATION FORM



Instructions:

1. Complete with as many details as possible.
2. Mail or deliver to: The Marion Police Department
100 S. Madison St.
Marion, IL 62959
3. You will be contacted within 72 hours of receipt

OFFICERS INVOLVED:

DESCRIPTION IF OFFICER'S NAME KNOWN

Officer// Name: <i>Keller</i>	Badge# <i>114</i>	Car#	Height: <i>6'2</i>	Glasses: <i>Y</i> ☒ <i>N</i> ☐	Build: <i>Tall</i> <i>Bigger</i>
Officer Name:	Badge#	Car#	Hair: <i>Bald</i> <i>With hat</i>	Race: <i>White</i>	Accent:

WITNESS INFORMATION:

Last Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	First Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	M.I.	Phone: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Address: <i>I don't know</i>		City: <i>Carbondale</i>	State: <i>IL</i> Zip: <i>62901</i>
Last Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	First Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	M.I. <i>N</i>	Phone: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Address: <i>[Redacted]</i>		City: <i>Carbondale</i>	State: <i>IL</i> Zip: <i>62901</i>

YOUR INFORMATION:

Last Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	First Name: <i>[Redacted]</i>	M.I. <i>D</i>	Date of Birth: <i>[Redacted]</i>
Daytime Phone# <i>[Redacted]</i>	Evening Phone# <i>[Redacted]</i>	Other (e-mail) <i>[Redacted]</i>	
City: <i>Carbondale</i>		State: <i>IL</i>	Zip: <i>62901</i>

INCIDENT DETAILS:

Date of Incident: <i>Feb 13th</i>	Time of Incident: <i>11:00 AM</i>	Police Report# (If known)
Location, Before/After Of Incident: <i>John's</i>		

2/15/2024

To whom it may concern,

On February 13th between 10:50 to 11:00 am, I was pulled over for an expired registration sticker by officer M. Keltner badge number N4. When confronting me about my expired tags he asked when the last time Marijuana was smoked in my vehicle. I told him I had no Marijuana in the vehicle and there'd been no Marijuana smoked in the vehicle and he proceeded to say he could smell it over and over which is impossible since no one in the car had smoked in my vehicle or smoked beforehand and not a single person was impaired at all in my vehicle. He asked to ID everyone in the vehicle and we agreed. When I was finished trying to get my insurance from my mother, whom I was on the phone with, I told officer Keltner I didn't appreciate him accusing me of having drugs in the car, he told me don't make this racial. We then proceeded to have a heated argument, where he proceeded to get more offended and scream louder. We got into a verbal back and forth match where he then asked me to step out of the car. The argument continued as he went back to his vehicle and I was at my vehicle, he then exited his vehicle, got right in my face and escalated the situation further. He told me to stand at the back of the car. I moved not even 2 feet still at the back of the car to tell the mother of my child it would be alright and everything is okay and not to cry. That's when he exited his vehicle a second time and put his taser or gun point blank to my chest and cuffed me. While cuffing me I told him my back is bad from an accident years prior when I broke my back and arm and he continued to pull my arms as far as they would go upwards then walked me to his vehicle pulling and pushing me around where he then grabbed me by my pony tail ripped my head to the left my neck cracked and I thought for a split second he broke my neck then he slammed my head against the police cruiser and shoved me in the vehicle. Never did I pull away besides moving because I was grabbed by my hair and also aggressively pushed and pulled around while on the way to the police cruiser. I would like to state all injuries and bruises were caused by officer M. Keltner and officer N. Keltner pulled me out of the car, raised the cuffs to my shoulder blades and threw me in the vehicle head first where I had to catch myself with my legs and have bruising and pain in both legs. The officer that took me to jail was a polite professional and deescalated the situation perfectly. He is the definition of a great cop. He said I don't know what happened, I'm not going to treat you any kind of way and joked with me.. I asked for a supervisor and he called one as soon as I asked. The supervisor was very helpful and gave me the officers name and badge number and how to start the process of a complaint. I would like to make it known that I have been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and have been approved for disability because of the severity it has on my daily living and anxiety with dealing with others. The mother of my child told him that I have this mental issue and distress, also the diagnosis and that I struggle with people who are aggressive and agitated towards me. He didn't seem to care. I feel I was racial profiled for having some sort of drugs in my car, even though I didn't have anything and was not under the influence, he still treated me as though I was. They fully searched my vehicle and didn't find anything because there was nothing to find. The injuries I've suffered have already been documented at St Joseph's ER. The reason I went to Murphy instead of Marion or Carbondale is I trust them more and they usually take matters

like this seriously. Not only did I suffer physical injuries to my neck, head, arms, back and legs, I state again I'm mentally ill and this has impacted the way I see law enforcement, the way I look at life and has put me in a very manic depressive state. I'm scared to even come back to Marion to file this police complaint. I hope the correct matters are taken to prevent this from happening again and more importantly keep M. Keltner from dishonoring his oath and to prevent him undermining citizens rights. He treated me like I was a criminal and he was a dictator. I have every right to say whatever I feel it's my 1st amendment. I might've raised my voice but never did I act in any threatening way or in a way that would interfere with his job or performance of his job. He asked me to put my hands behind my back and I did. He cuffed me with no issue; he then took that opportunity to assault me and abuse his power. He called for back up after I was detained. There was no physical resistance at all. There's no doubt in my mind I was racially profiled and he purposefully instigated the situation so it seemed reasonable for assaulting me. It wasn't reasonable force, it wasn't justified. He had no reason to arrest me because of an expired registration sticker that I was unaware of, my mom helps take care of those things for me because of my disability. Or to arrest me for being argumentative after his verbal aggression. I am not sure how I can be charged with resisting a peace officer when I didn't resist the arrest and I didn't have a reason to be arrested in the first place.

I do have video of the aggression while I was handcuffed because my friend was fearful something bad was going to happen. I also have pictures of the marks and cuts from the situation.

I appreciate your time in reading my statement and I hope this helps others in the future not have to have this experience.

Sincerely,

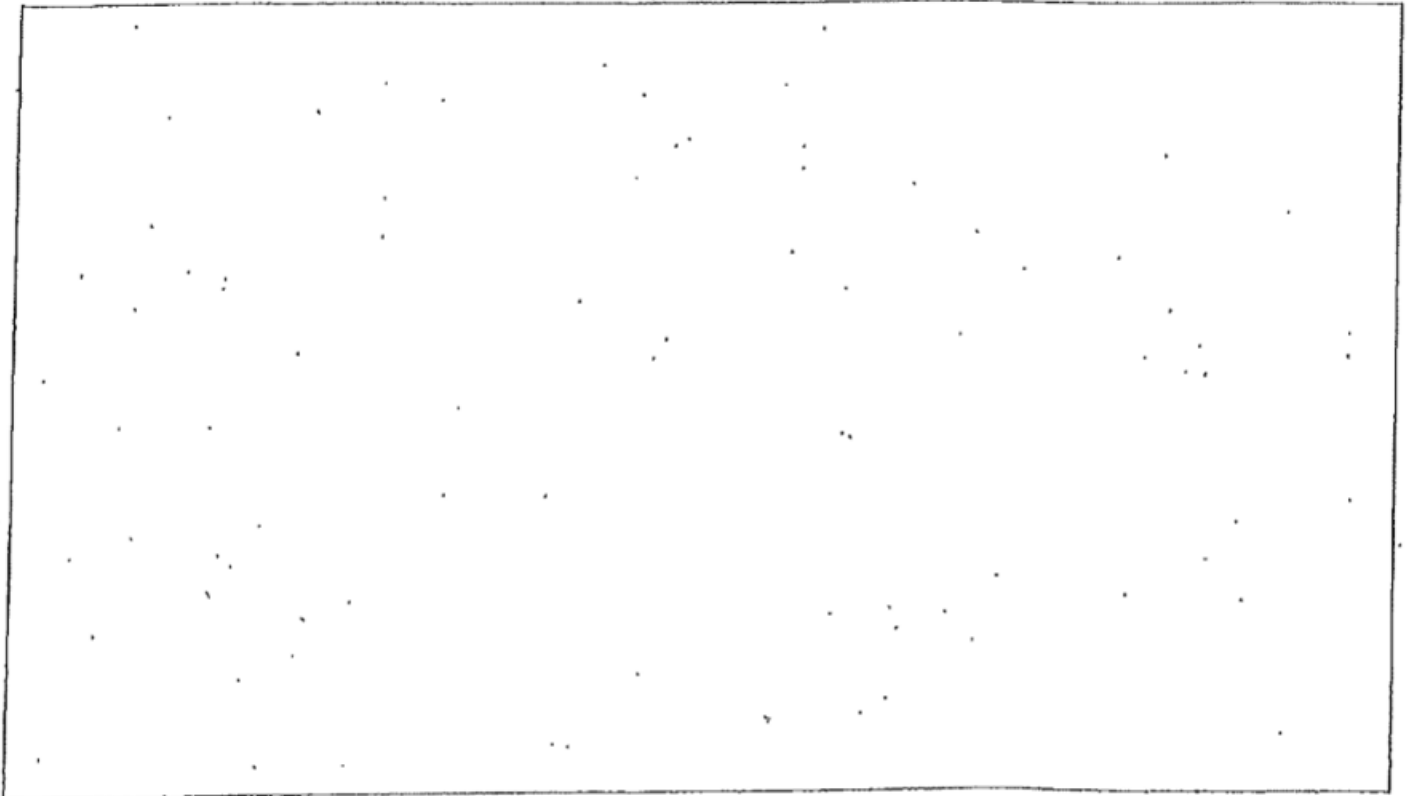
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NATURE OF COMPLAINT OR COMMENDATION:

Signature of reporting party:Date:

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Officer receiving report:Date:Signature of Parent or Guardian if citizen is a minor:

MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT



PERSONNEL COUNSELING RECORD Coaching	UNIT Narcotics	DATE: May 14, 2024
Counseled Employee's Name (Last-First-M.I.) Keltner, Matthew	Rank Detective	ID: N-4 / 156

Counseling Issues:

On February 13, 2024, at approximately 11:00am, you stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. During the traffic stop, a verbal confrontation ensued between yourself and the driver of the vehicle, [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] started the escalation, but you did nothing to "de-escalate" it.

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I have read the above and I acknowledge that on May 14, 2024, Chief David Fitts advised and counseled me relative to the above captioned personnel matter. Initialing the record of the session will not signify agreement or disagreement with its contents.

Initials of Counseled Employee

Matthew Keltner

Counseling Supervisor's Comments and Recommendations:

Matt, you are a great employee, and we love the work you do. In the future, try to converse with the public in a calmer manner.

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Counseling Supervisor's Signature:

David Fitts

Rank: *CHIEF*

ID: *M1*

Reviewed by: *Jody Wright*

Rank: *Asst. Chief*

ID: *M2/026*

Reviewed by: *LT g. d.*

Rank: *LT*

ID: *M3/046*